

# Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Policy and Action Plan of Liberia

<b>Geography</b>	<b>Liberia</b>
<b>Duration</b>	<b>2006-2007</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>€27,500 including co-funding from the Government of Liberia</b>
<b>Implementation Agency</b>	<b>Center for Sustainable Energy Technology</b>

## Purpose

To increase national awareness on RE & EE and remove barriers to investment and market development through a national policy instrument.

## Project Description

The project will formulate an RE & EE policy framework to induce investment and market development in the RE & EE sectors of Liberia. The project further intends to provide policy support to develop the renewable energy sector of Liberia, thereby providing increased access to energy services to address the issue of poverty and to foster the Liberian long-term development agenda.

The project outputs/outcomes are expected to have tremendous market development impact through the following:

- The political will to develop the RE and EE market in Liberia
- Nationwide public awareness of the economic, social and environmental benefits of RE & EE in Liberia
- Creating the appropriate climate for scale-up in RE & EE through local and foreign investment
- Acceleration of the RE & EE market in Liberia
- Building of local capacity to respond to an increase in the RE & EE market

## Main Activities

The main activities of the project are:

- Identification and evaluation of existing energy policy documents
- Facilitation of RE policy dialogue through consultation meetings between relevant government ministries and agencies, civil society organisations/NGOs, development partners, the private sector, local government officials, energy experts, etc.
- Establishment of an institutional framework (RE & EE Committee) to serve as the vehicle for formulating the RE & EE Policy and Action Plan
- Drafting of a national RE & EE Policy and Action Plan for Liberia



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- Convening of a forum to review, finalise and validate the draft RE & EE Policy and Action Plan
- Submission of the final RE & EE Policy and Action Plan to the Government of Liberia through the Ministry of Lands, Mines & Energy for approval

## Challenges

- Government commitment and support to the project and the associated administrative delays
- Achieving broad-based stakeholder participation, especially of those from rural Liberia

## Expected Benefits

The project is expected to produce a national policy instrument to build and increase the application of RE & EE in Liberia by promoting investment, market development and end-use technologies. Given the uneven economic advantage that conventional energy sources have over renewables, this project will make the energy sector competitive by facilitating:

- Government support through tax subsidies for RE & EE scale-up
- Private sector investment/lending in the RE & EE sector
- Increase investment in off-grid rural electrification through the deployment of renewable energy technologies
- Foster indigenous energy technologies that demonstrate clear cost advantage without jeopardising quality
- Training to build local capacity to deal with RE issues

## Status & Progress

The project has proceeded with implementation, especially in the area of stakeholders' consultations and input solicitation. Inputs of key stakeholders for policy reforms in the energy sector are extensively sought.

